

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/27/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3⁴ and 7-10.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

1. EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR

1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Farrell on 11/28/05.

The phrase "wherein character recognition is restarted in response to the start of a second stroke" in claim 3 is changed to -- wherein character recognition is restarted in response to the start of a second stroke *of said character*--.

The phrases "a touch screen data recorder for storing touch screen data generated from an input of a character" and "wherein character recognition is restarted in response to the start of a second stroke" in claim 7 are changed to -- a touch screen data recorder for storing touch screen data generated from an input *of a first stroke* of a character-- and -- wherein character recognition is restarted in response to the start of a second stroke *of said character* --.

The phrases "storing touch screen data generated from an input of a character" and "wherein character recognition is restarted in response to the start of a second stroke" in claim 9 are changed to -- storing touch screen data generated from an input *of a first stroke* of a character-- and -- wherein character recognition is restarted in response to the start of a second stroke *of said character*--.

2. **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE:**

Claims 3, 4, and 7-10 are allowable because the instant application is directed to a nonobvious improvement over the invention described in Patent No. US 5,594,810 to Gourdol.

The improvement comprises:

a character recognition processor for performing character recognition of the stored touch screen data at each time when each stroke is input through said touch screen, wherein all the touch screen data are recognized as a single character when said predetermined waiting threshold time is completely counted, wherein the character recognition and the counting of the threshold time occur simultaneously and wherein character recognition is restarted in response to the start of a second stroke of said character. *This patentable distinction is included in independent claim 3.*

a character recognition processor for performing character recognition of said stored touch screen data as a character, wherein a freshly stored touch screen data generated before completion of counting the predetermined waiting threshold time is added to the previous touch screen data to complete said character, and wherein character recognition is restarted in response to the start of a second stroke of said character. *This patentable distinction is included in independent claim 7.*

in case that another touch screen data is generated within a predetermined waiting threshold time, stopping the above operation and adding both the previously generated touch screen data and the newly generated touch screen data together as one character to thereby perform the character recognition, and wherein character recognition is restarted in response

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to the start of a second stroke of said character. *This patentable distinction is included in independent claim 9.*

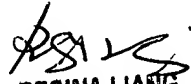
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jennifer T. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-7696. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri: 9:00am-5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick N. Edouard can be reached on 571-272-7603. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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